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Information note for participants

The purpose of the present note is to assist participants in the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court.

DATE AND PLACE OF THE CONFERENCE

The United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court will be held from 15 June to 17 July 1998 in the Plenary Hall at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in Rome. FAO is located on Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, adjacent to the Circo Massimo.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

Arrival of delegates

Special arrangements will be made at the airports by the Italian authorities to facilitate quick clearance for all delegates arriving in Rome to participate in the Conference.

Registration of participants and issuance of identification cards

Only participants who have been officially designated in writing by an invited Government or organization will be registered. Such participants will be provided with a special ID card permitting access to FAO premises during the Conference.

A centre for registration of participants and issuance of access/identification passes will be open from Thursday, 11 June, to the last day of the Conference at the Villa at FAO headquarters. The hours of operation will be as follows:

11-13 June	8.30 a.m.-6 p.m.
14 June	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
15 June	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
16 June to the last day of the Conference	9.30 a.m.-5.30 p.m.

Admission to FAO premises will require, at all times, the presentation of identification cards. All participants in the Conference - delegates, United Nations Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations programmes, specialized agencies, accredited intergovernmental organizations and special guests - are therefore requested to register at the Villa at FAO headquarters. Following registration, each participant will be issued an identification card or grounds pass.

Owing to the limited number of seats in the Plenary Hall, three seats will be assigned to each delegation participating in the plenary sessions of the Conference. In addition to individual grounds passes, three transferable "Plenary Hall" cards will be provided to each delegation. Therefore, at the opening session of the Conference and at other designated sessions, only a combination of the two cards will give access to the Plenary Hall. Plenary Hall cards will also be issued to other participants, in addition to government delegations, in proportion to the seats assigned to them in the Plenary Hall.

The registration process will be greatly facilitated if Conference credentials containing lists of the names of participants are transmitted by each delegation prior to actual registration in person. It is suggested that delegations submit this information to the Chief of Protocol, Protocol and Liaison Service, Room S-201A (Attn: Mrs. Marybeth Curran) at United Nations Headquarters before 4 June, and thereafter to the United Nations Protocol Registration/Accreditation Unit in Rome (tel.: 39-6-570-50306; fax: 39-6-570-50303).

The loss of an identification card must be reported immediately to Chief of Security Services at FAO (tel.: 39-6-570-53489; fax: 39-6-570-55663).

List of participants

Since the Protocol and Liaison Service has been authorized to oversee the publication of the provisional lists of delegations to the Conference, delegations are urged to communicate to the Protocol and Liaison Service the names and functional titles of all the participating delegates as soon as possible.

Delegations of States participating in the Conference are reminded that credentials of representatives to the Conference must be signed either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. All other communications in this respect shall be considered provisional credentials until such time as formal credentials are received by the Executive Secretary of the Conference.

Parking facilities

A limited number of parking spaces will be available for delegations during the Conference within the FAO premises and outside, across the street from FAO.

All delegations are requested to contact the Chief of Security Services for parking decals (tel.: 39-6-5705-3489; fax: 39-6-5705-5663).

Chauffeurs' identification cards giving access to FAO premises will be issued by the Chief of Security Services at FAO upon receipt of proper credentials, such as written requests from the heads of the respective missions in Rome containing proper identification, such as a national passport.

Identification cards

Only bearers of the special Conference ID cards, which are not transferable, will be allowed to enter FAO premises during the Conference.

Access to FAO premises

There will be one main entrance to FAO during the Conference:

Building A entrance for all delegates.

Owing to the limited seating capacity in the Plenary Hall, admission will be restricted to three persons from each government delegation and two persons from each intergovernmental organization observer delegation.

Conference rooms

The opening session of the Conference and the general debate will take place in the Plenary Hall (3rd floor, Building A) at FAO headquarters.

The meeting rooms for other committees and working groups will be announced in the daily journal to be issued during the Conference.

Documents distribution

While Conference documents will be distributed in advance to all invited Governments and organizations, they will also be available during the Conference. For this purpose, there will be a documents desk located on the 1st floor of Building A (at the entrance to the Red and Green Rooms).

The daily journal and other in-session documents will be available for delegates at the Documents Desk.

The Documents Desk will distribute only official documents in the official United Nations languages.

Delegates who wish to send documents back to their countries may do so using the postal and other delivery services available in the designated offices on the ground floor of Building B.

MEDIA FACILITIES

Accreditation

The Accreditation Centre for media will be located in the Villa, next to the Indonesia Pavilion. All media representatives assigned to cover the Conference must have proper accreditation and passes. Completed application forms, together with a letter of assignment on official letterhead from the editor or bureau chief, should be mailed or faxed to:

Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit
Department of Public Information
ICC
Room S-250
United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017
Fax: 212-963-4642

In Rome, as of 11 June 1998:

Tel.: 39-6-570-50307; fax: 39-6-570-50304

Registration of participants and accreditation for the press will take place daily in Rome, on FAO premises, in the Villa beginning on Thursday, 11 June, at 3 p.m. and thereafter from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Photo passes for the media will be processed and issued throughout the Conference upon presentation of two photo IDs (passport, official national press pass, driver's licence, work ID, etc.). Journalists applying in person for accreditation to the Conference should complete an application form and present two photo IDs (passport, official national press pass, driver's licence, work ID, etc.).

Admission to the FAO grounds will require, at all times, the presentation of an official Conference photo identification pass.

Media Centre

The United Nations will establish a Media Centre for the local as well as the visiting press corps. Facilities for press coverage will be available on the ground floor of Building A, in the Romania Room.

These facilities will consist of a press working area equipped with about 50 journalists' workstations. The workstations cannot be reserved and will be available on an as needed/as available basis.

The Accreditation Liaison Officer will also distribute tickets on a first-come, first-served basis for access to the Mezzanine for journalists to cover the high-level sessions. Representatives of the visual media (TV and photo) should also contact the Accreditation Liaison Officer in the Villa.

United Nations press releases coverage

The Department of Public Information will provide daily coverage by press releases, in English and French, of the meetings of the Conference. They may be obtained from the documents counter adjacent to the Media Centre.

A media documents counter with information materials for representatives of the media and a telecommunications centre (available at commercial rates) will be located in the same area.

Television

Television transmissions of the plenary sessions will be carried live with English language sound on closed-circuit television (CCTV) monitors located in the press working area.

Radio

Facilities will be available for radio producers to take direct audio feed (i.e., through plug-in to a distribution box) of both the language of the speaker (floor) and the simultaneous interpretation into English.

Press conference

On Sunday, 14 June, in the afternoon, Mr. Hans Corell, the Legal Counsel of the United Nations, who will serve as the Representative of the Secretary-General during the Conference, will hold a press briefing for all journalists attending the Conference. The press conference will take place in the Iran Room (time of the press conference to be announced later).

Copies of speeches for the press

Delegations wishing to make the speech of their Head of State, Head of Government or Head of Delegation available to the press should bring a minimum of 100 copies to the Media Centre in the Romania Room. Member States wishing to have their speeches posted on the United Nations Web site for the Conference should provide the text, preferably in electronic format, on a diskette, to the DPI Internet Centre (Room A 482, 4th floor, Building A).

NGO REGISTRATION AND FACILITIES

Registration

Registration of participants from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) will be conducted at the Villa at FAO headquarters, Rome.

In order to be registered, all NGOs must have previously been accredited by the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/160 of 15 December 1997 and have received letters of invitation to attend the Conference. A list of NGOs that were accredited is maintained (A/AC.249/1998/CRP.22) and will be checked against registration at the Conference.

Upon presentation of two valid photo IDs, NGO participants will be registered and issued a special ID card for access to the FAO premises.

Registration of participants will take place daily from 11 June to the end of the Conference. Please refer to the first page of this note for the hours of registration.

NGO facility room

The Sudan Room, located on the 3rd floor of Building B, will serve as the NGO facility room. The room is equipped with closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs). It will serve as the main focal point for all NGO activities.

Access to conference rooms

Seating is very limited in all conference rooms. Therefore only a small number of NGOs can be allowed access to the conference rooms at any given time. Provision has been made to broadcast some of the Conference proceedings on CCTV.

For any further information please call the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, New York, at tel.: 212-963-5345; fax: 212-963-1963 until 12 June 1998; and thereafter in Rome, at tel.: 39-6-5705-0305; fax: 39-6-5705-0302.

SECURITY

During the Conference the Italian authorities will provide security outside the FAO premises. FAO Security Services will be responsible for all security aspects within the premises.

Specific requests regarding security arrangements within FAO premises and related matters should be addressed to FAO Security Services, Room B-060, ext. 5-3489 (tel.: 5705-3489 from outside the FAO complex).

GENERAL INFORMATION SERVICES

Public telephones

Public telephones and the Fax Office will be located in Building A, Room A-276, and the Romania Room on the ground floor of Building A, as well as nearby areas. Telephone cards for making local and international calls can be purchased at the Italian Post Office branch in FAO, the FAO newsstand, the bank (see below) or at any tobacconist's outside the FAO complex.

As from 19 June, it will be necessary to use the city prefix (area code) for all calls including local calls. For example, to call the local number 55-55-555 in Rome, it will be necessary to dial 06-55-55-555.

Banking and currency exchange facilities

The unit of Italian currency is the lira. The rate of exchange of the lira to the United States dollar is approximately US$ 1 = Lit 1,800. The exact rate of exchange of the lira can be obtained on a daily basis from the FAO branch of the Banca Commerciale Italiana (BCI), on the ground floor of Building B.

The Banca Commerciale Italiana will be open from Monday to Friday from 8.40 a.m. to 1.35 p.m., and from 2.45 to 4 p.m. Special counter services and cash dispensers for cashing foreign currency will be provided. Cash dispensers are also available to handle the cashing of convertible currency notes, travellers' cheques, Eurocheques and credit card withdrawals. In addition to BCI, the Italian Post Office located next to the Bank on the ground floor of Building B will also offer currency exchange facilities. The working hours of the Post Office are from 8.25 a.m. to 6.25 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

Bookshops

The Food for Thought Bookstore, located on the ground floor of Building B between the newsstand and the General Insurance Company, offers a selection of English and French language books, gift stationery, writing paper, gift wrapping paper, greeting cards and guidebooks. The bookstore is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, please call ext. 5-3127 (tel.: 5705-3127 from outside the FAO complex).

Catering facilities

The FAO headquarters complex offers a variety of dining and snack bar facilities where one may sit down for a meal or order a quick snack and/or beverage. Listed below are all of the available locations (see map at the back of this note) as well as a brief description of the catering facilities offered.

Snack bars

There are several snack bars on the premises, offering hot and cold beverages and a variety of pastries and sandwiches. Locations and hours of operation are as follows:

Location	Hours of operation
Bar "C" (8th floor)	7.30 to 10.45 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. to 4.45 p.m.
Bar Caracalla (8th floor)	8.30 to 10.45 a.m. and 2.30 to 4 p.m.
Polish Bar (ground floor, Building A)	7.30 to 10.45 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Vending machines

Vending machines with refreshments will be located throughout the Conference area.

Restaurant and Cafeteria

The restaurant and cafeteria are located on the 8th floor of Building B and serve meals from noon to 2.30 p.m.

The 8th floor can be reached by taking any elevator to the 7th floor and then walking up one level to the restaurant or cafeteria.

The restaurant offers an à la carte menu or fixed-price meals. Reservations are required and interested parties are requested to call ext. 5-4268 or 5-6823, tel.: 5705-4268 and 5705-6823 from outside the FAO complex, to make advanced bookings.

The cafeteria offers hot main courses, soup, pasta, grilled meat and seafood, salads, vegetables and a variety of cold beverages.

The Secretariat is examining the possibility of having extended hours for the opening of the cafeteria and the Polish Bar.

Emergency telephone numbers in Italy

The following numbers may come in handy in case of emergency:

General hospitals	Switchboard	Medical emergency
Giovanni via dell' Amba Aradam 9, Rome	77051	77 05 5297
Fatevenefratelli, Isola Tiberina, Rome	68371	68 37 299
S. Camillo, Circ. ne Gianicolense 87, Rome	58701	58 70 4666
Rome Tropical Hospital:		
Spallanzani, Via Portuense 292, Rome	55 1701	

Emergency numbers to be called when outside FAO:

Carabinieri	112
Police	113
Fire	115
Ambulance (Red Cross)	5510

Emergency numbers within FAO:

Medical Services	30 (53400)
Fire	33 (53333)
FAO Security Services	35 (53501)
Italian Security Operations in FAO	37 (54229/54252)

After 19 June, all local calls will require the city prefix, 06 (see "Public telephones" above).

Facilities for disabled persons

Building access

The FAO buildings are being brought into line with European Community and Italian disabled facility building codes. At present, the disabled may access the Building D entrance.

First aid/medical services

Medical services for emergencies and first aid will be provided throughout the Conference in Building B, 1st floor (see map at the back of this note).

Hospital services and medical specialist services, where necessary, will be provided by the host country, in cooperation with the FAO Medical Services. Information on access and admission is available at the medical services.

Participants in the Conference with special medical requirements are requested to inform the FAO Medical Services prior to their arrival.

Health insurance

All participants are advised to carry sufficient health insurance to be able to meet any eventual expenses.

Lost and found office

Objects found should be handed over either to the Security Desk, Building B, or to the Lost and Found Office, which is located in Room B-062, ext. 55159 (tel.: 5705-5159 from outside the FAO complex). Any inquiries on lost property or items should be made to that office.

Newsstand

There is one newsstand located on the FAO premises. It is situated on the ground floor of Building B near the Banca Commerciale Italiana. It offers a variety of newspapers in several languages, a selection of magazines, postcards, maps and a large selection of Italian periodicals. The newsstand will operate from 6.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, please call ext. 53273 (tel.: 5705-3273 from outside the FAO complex).

Photographs

Photographs taken during meetings in the Plenary Hall and during ceremonies will be put on display. Delegates wishing to purchase copies will be able to place their orders at the photograph stand located on the ground floor of Building B.

Photo shop

The photo shop, located on the ground floor of Building B near the Food for Thought Bookstore, offers photo developing services along with a selection of films, CDs, batteries and other photo accessories for purchase. The photo

shop's operating hours are from 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, please call 5-3278 (tel.: 5705-3278 from outside the FAO complex).

Postal service

The Italian Post Office, located on the ground floor, Building B (adjacent to the Bank), will provide normal services for stamps, parcels, telex, telegrams, registered mail, postal/money orders, currency exchange, etc.

Courier services

A DHL stand, located on the general ground floor, Building C, will provide courier services to delegates.

Transportation

Train, bus and taxi service is available from Fiumicino airport to the city centre. Conference participants are particularly cautioned against taking "pirate" taxis from the airport. Regular taxis are clearly marked.

Car rentals

Some car rental firms have offices at both Ciampino and Fiumicino airports (open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.). A valid driver's licence and credit card are required.

Avis	Fiumicino Airport, Ciampino Airport, Termini Station and 11 offices in town. Information tel.: (06) 419-98 Bookings tel.: (06) 419-99
Eurodollar	Fiumicino Airport, Ciampino Airport and five offices in town. Bookings tel.: Fiumicino: 65 95 3547 Ciampino: 79 34 0838
Europcar	Fiumicino Airport, Ciampino Airport, Termini Station and eight offices in town. Bookings, Milan, tel.: (02) 703-99700
Hertz	Fiumicino Airport, Ciampino Airport, Termini Station and four offices in town. Bookings tel.: Fiumicino: 65 01 1448 Ciampino: 79 34 0616

Maggiore Fiumicino Airport, Ciampino Airport, Termini Station and five offices in town.

Bookings tel.:

Fiumicino: 65 01 0678
Ciampino: 79 34 0368

Car rental services are also available on FAO premises.

Automobile Club of Italy

The Automobile Club of Italy (ACI) office, located on the ground floor of Building B near the Bank, offers a variety of automobile services, including car rentals. The ACI office operating hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, please call ext. 5-3039 (tel.: 5705-3039 from outside the FAO complex). The Summertime Travel Agency office, located on the ground floor of Building D, also provides car rental services.

Public transportation

Tickets for public transport can be purchased at underground stations, bus terminal stations, tobacco shops, convenience stores, cafés and newspaper stands that show the sign "Metrebus". Tickets for public transport can also be purchased at the newspaper stand located on FAO premises and at the FAO Staff Co-op Service Desk.

Taxis

Taxi companies in Rome provide 24-hour service. There are a number of taxi stands throughout the city centre of Rome. Taxis can be booked by calling one of the following major taxi companies:

Cosmos	88177
La Capitale	4994
Pronto Taxi	6645
Radio Taxi	3570 or 63898
Radio Tevere	4157

Upon receiving a call, the taxi company operator will ask for the caller's telephone number and will give the caller the taxi's identification number (which will be marked on both sides of the car), as well as the estimated time it will take the taxi to reach the caller.

A taxi may be called by the FAO receptionist at the Reception Desk, ground floor, Building A entrance.

Travel facilities (flight reservation and reconfirmation)

The Summertime Travel Agency office, located on the ground floor of Building D, is open from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Participants are reminded that airline offices in Rome are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays but are

closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Participants are kindly requested to take note of this fact in case of urgent re-routing.

Visa requirements

All participants in the Conference are urged to obtain entry visas to Italy prior to their departure from their home country or duty station. The Italian Government has advised that where there is no Italian embassy or consulate, participants may obtain their entry visa to Italy from any embassy or consulate of a State party to the Schengen Agreement. Most of the States members of the European Union are also States parties to the Schengen Agreement.* No provision has been made for participants to obtain entry visas to Italy on arrival at the Rome airports.

Weather forecasts

Rome has a particularly mild climate throughout the year. As a result of its geographical position close to the sea and the natural barriers which surround it, the city is protected from extreme weather. Because of the relatively high temperatures during June and July (average temperature around 30 degrees Celsius), light clothing is generally recommended.

Other useful information

Shopping

Shops in Italy are usually open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3.30 to 7.30 p.m. However, many of the shops in the city centre also remain open during the lunch break.

Credit cards

Internationally recognized travellers' cheques and credit cards are accepted in hotels, major shops and restaurants. Any problems encountered with the use of credit cards should be referred to the local representatives of the credit card agencies.

Protecting your valuables

A word of caution: International cities which attract many tourists also attract those who wish to steal from tourists. You are therefore advised to carry your valuables safely or keep them in a safe place. It is also recommended that you keep an inventory of your credit cards and photocopies of your most important documents.

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* Current States parties to the Schengen Agreement are: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

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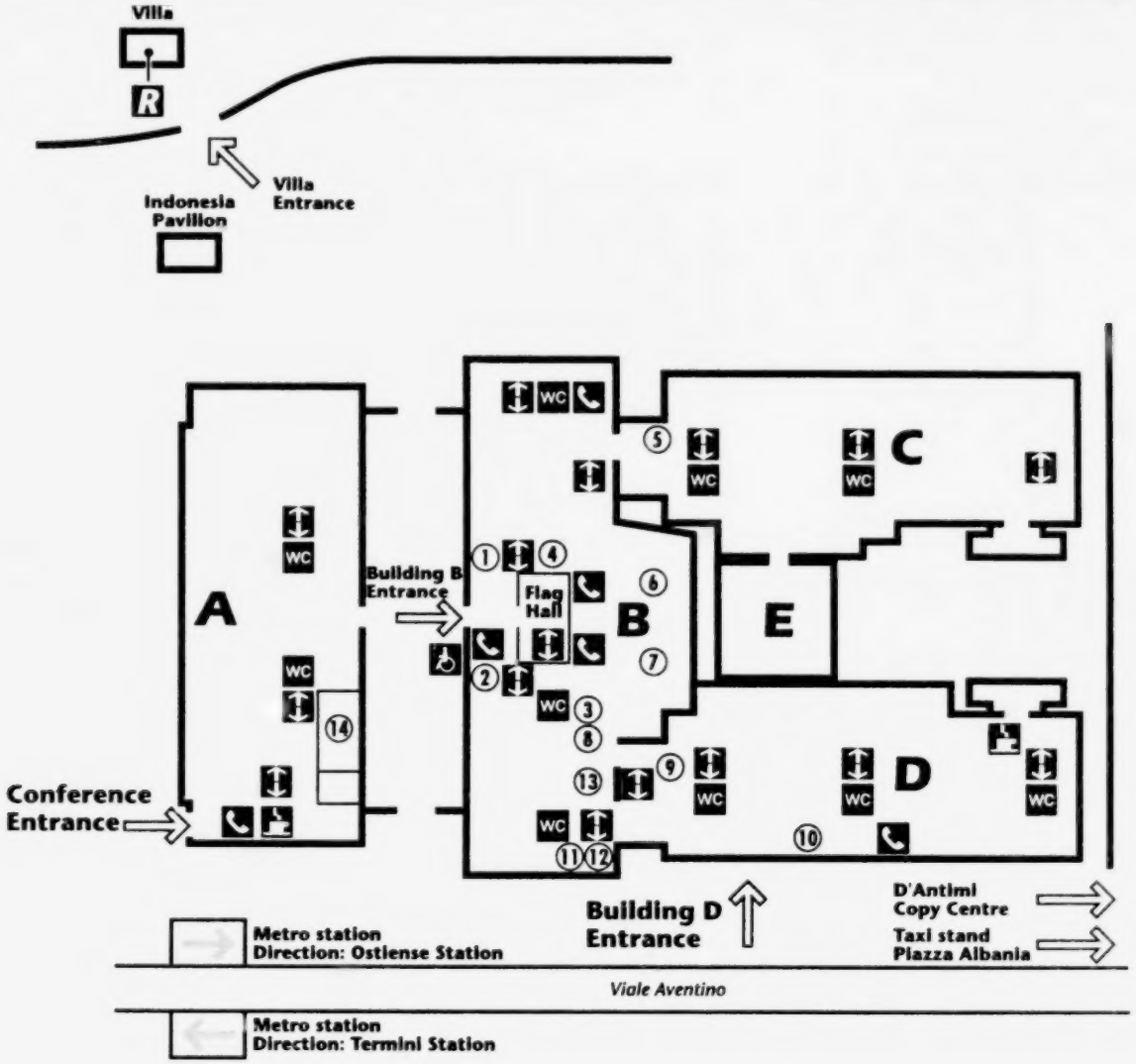
Ground Floor



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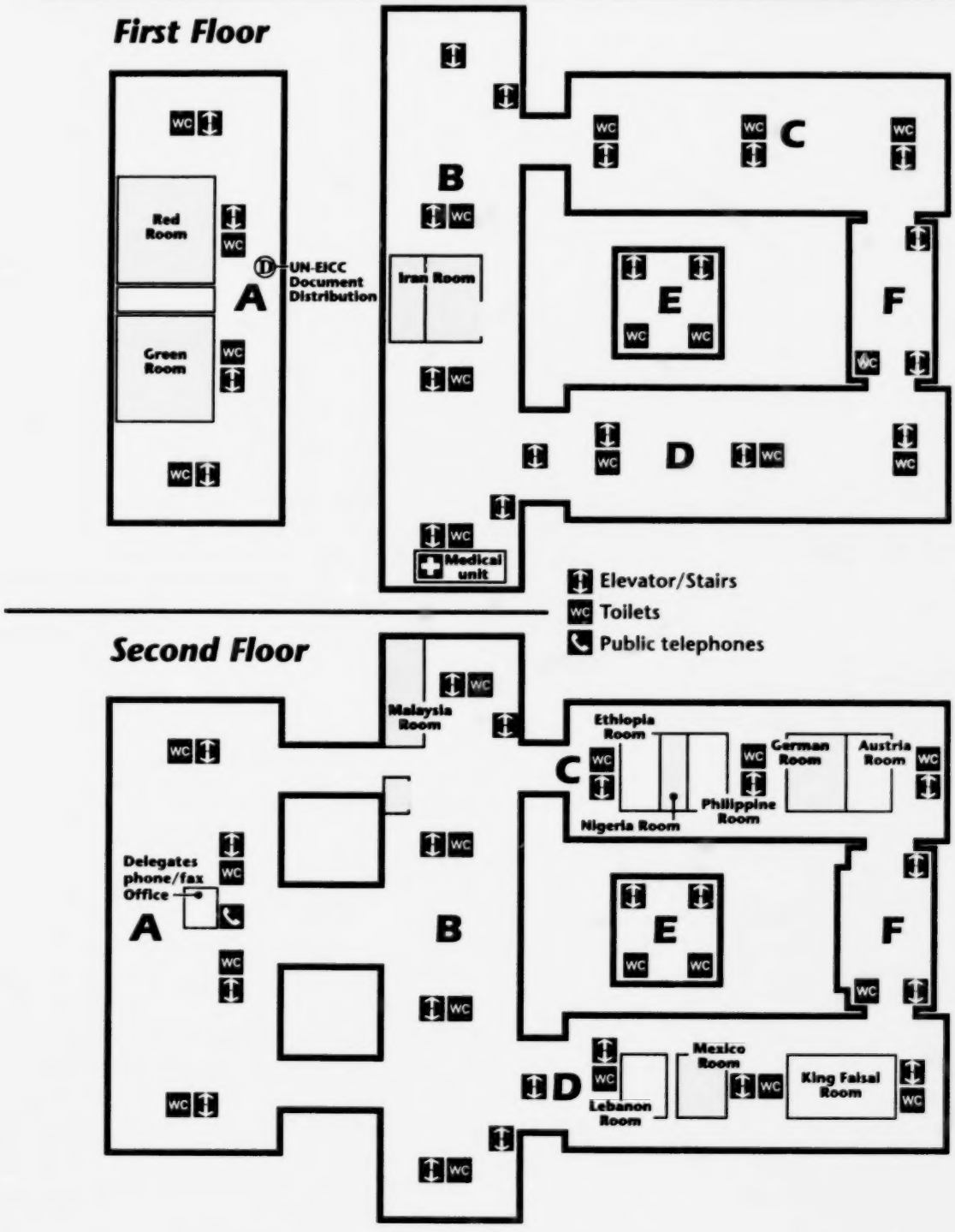
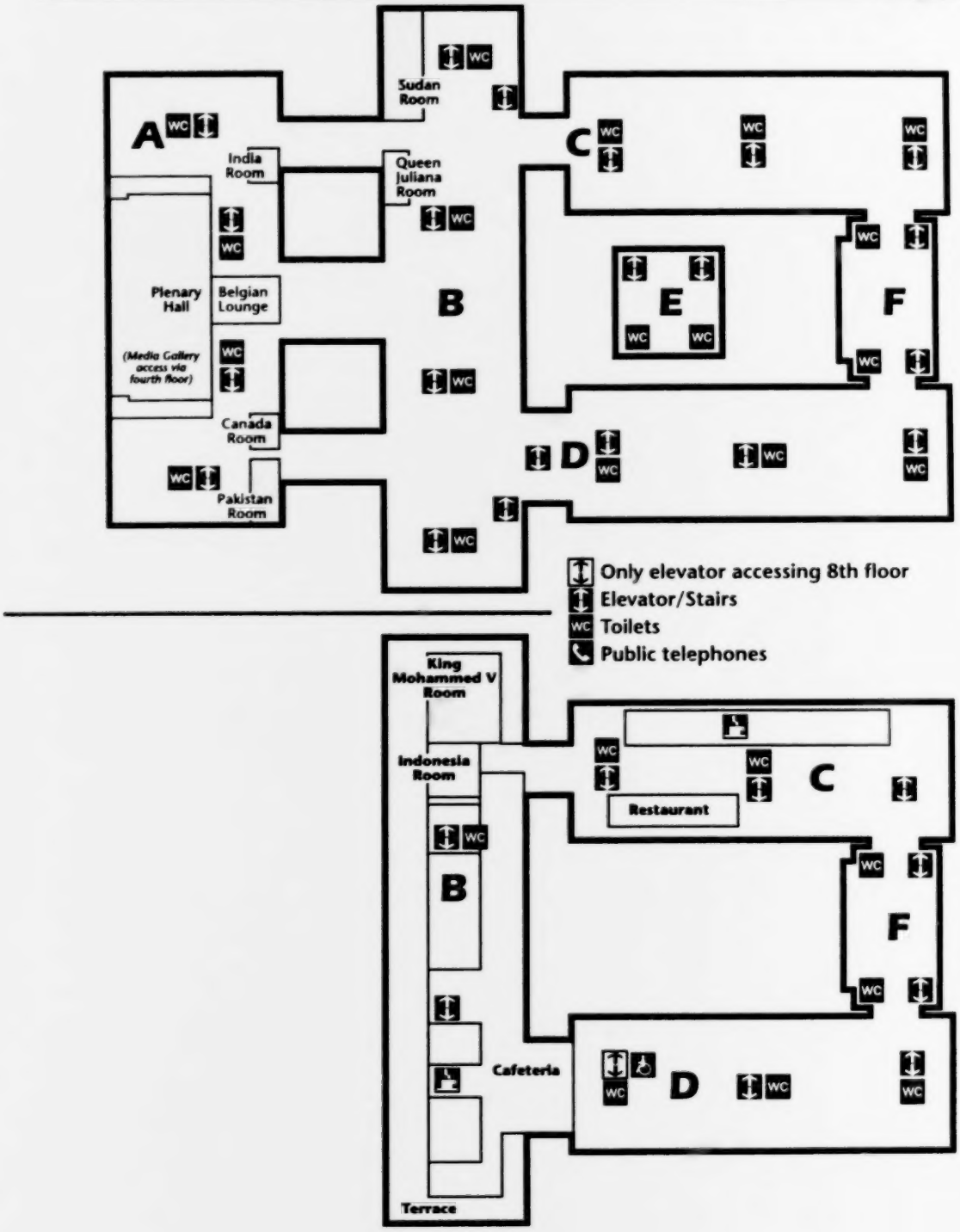
- Public telephones
- Coffee bar
- Elevator/Stairs
- WC Toilets
- ① Security desk
- ② FAO shop
- ③ News stand
- ④ Automobile Club ACI
- ⑤ DHL
- ⑥ Post office
- ⑦ Bank B.C.I
- ⑧ Book shop
- ⑨ Photo shop
- ⑩ Travel agency
- ⑪ Security office
- ⑫ Lost & Found
- ⑬ Insurance agency
- ⑭ Press working area

Floor plans, FAO Headquarters
First Floor/Second Floor



Floor plans, FAO Headquarters
Third Floor/Eighth Floor



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15 June 1998
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1st meeting

Opening of the Conference

10.00 a.m.	Opening of the Conference by the Secretary-General of the United Nations
10.15 a.m.	Statement by the President of the Republic of Italy
10.30 a.m.	Election of the President of the Conference Statement by the President
10.35 a.m.	Statement by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Adoption of the agenda

10.40 a.m.-1.00 p.m.	Adoption of the rules of procedure (A/CONF.183/2/Add.2; A/CONF.183/4 and A/CONF.183/5) Election of Vice-Presidents Election of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole Election of the Chairman of the Drafting Committee Appointment of the Credentials Committee

2nd meeting

3.00-6.00 p.m.	Appointment of other members of the Drafting Committee Organization of work

3.15-6.00 p.m. General statements by participating States

Australia
South Africa
Norway
Bangladesh
Trinidad and Tobago
Argentina
United Kingdom (European Union Presidency)
Russian Federation
Japan
Venezuela
Canada
Sweden
Lesotho
Mexico
Malawi
Spain
Republic of Korea
Slovenia

Statements by the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation; United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; International Law Commission
Statements by non-governmental organizations

General Committee

1st meeting

2.30-3.00 p.m. Appointment of other members of the Drafting Committee
Organization of work

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Plenary

3rd meeting

10.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. General statements by participating States

Italy
Kazakhstan
Indonesia
Algeria
Czech Republic
Côte d'Ivoire
United Republic of Tanzania
China
Latvia

Brazil
Lithuania
Peru
Sudan
Romania
Kenya
Kuwait

Statements by the European Court of Human Rights;
International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia;
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
Statements by non-governmental organizations

4th meeting

3.00-6.00 p.m. General statements by participating States

Andorra
Singapore
Philippines
Syrian Arab Republic
Senegal
Albania
United States of America
Colombia
Portugal
Burkina Faso
Ukraine
Ghana

Statements by the League of Arab States;
International Committee of the Red Cross;
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
European Community
Statements by non-governmental organizations

Committee of the Whole
16 June 1998

1st meeting

10.00-11.15 a.m. Election of the Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur
Organization of work

10.15 a.m.-1.00 p.m. Consideration of the draft Statute and Final Act

2nd meeting

3.00-6.00 p.m. Consideration of the draft Statute and Final Act

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Plenary

5th meeting

10.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.	General statements by participating States
	Statements by intergovernmental organizations
	Statements by non-governmental organizations

6th meeting

3.15-6.00 p.m.	General statements
	Statements by the International Criminal Police Organization
	Statements by non-governmental organizations

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Plenary

7th meeting

10.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.	General statements by participating States
	Statements by the United Nations Children's Fund
	Statements by non-governmental organizations

8th meeting

3.15-6.00 p.m.	General statements by participating States
	Statements by intergovernmental organizations
	Statements by non-governmental organizations

Drafting Committee
19 June 1998

1st meeting

10.00-10.15 a.m.	Organization of work
10.15 a.m.-1.00 p.m.	Consideration of draft articles referred to the Committee by the Committee of the Whole
3.00-6.00 p.m.	Consideration of draft articles referred to the Committee by the Committee of the Whole

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15 June 1998
Plenary (Plenary Hall)

1st meeting

Opening of the Conference

10 a.m.	Opening of the Conference by the Secretary-General of the United Nations
10.15 a.m.	Statement by the President of the Republic of Italy
10.30 a.m.	Election of the President of the Conference Statement by the President
10.35 a.m.	Statement by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Adoption of the agenda

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2nd meeting

3-6 p.m.	Appointment of other members of the Drafting Committee Organization of work

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3.15-6 p.m. General statements by participating States (seven minutes per speaker)

Australia
South Africa
Norway
Bangladesh
Trinidad and Tobago
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (European Union Presidency)
Japan
Venezuela
Canada
Sweden
Lesotho
Mexico
Malawi
Egypt
Republic of Korea
Slovenia

Statements by the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Law Commission
Statements by non-governmental organizations

General Committee (German Room)

1st meeting

2.30-3 p.m. Appointment of other members of the Drafting Committee
Organization of work

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Plenary (Plenary Hall)

3rd meeting

10 a.m.-1 p.m. General statements by participating States (seven minutes per speaker)

Holy See
Kazakhstan
Indonesia
Algeria
Czech Republic
Côte d'Ivoire
United Republic of Tanzania
China
Latvia

Brazil
Lithuania
Peru
Sudan
Romania
Kenya
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Costa Rica
Armenia
Pakistan

Statements by the European Court of Human Rights, the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
Statements by non-governmental organizations

4th meeting

3-6 p.m.

General statements by participating States (seven minutes per speaker)

Andorra
Singapore
Philippines
Syrian Arab Republic
Senegal
Albania
Germany
Colombia
Portugal
Burkina Faso
Ukraine
Ghana
Austria
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
India
Sierra Leone
Fiji
Namibia
Afghanistan
Spain

Statements by the League of Arab States, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the European Community
Statements by non-governmental organizations

Committee of the Whole
16 June 1998

1st meeting

10-11.15 a.m. Election of the Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur
Organization of work

10.15 a.m.-1 p.m. Consideration of the draft Statute and Final Act

2nd meeting

3-6 p.m. Consideration of the draft Statute and Final Act

17 June 1998
Plenary (Plenary Hall)

5th meeting

10 a.m.-1 p.m. General statements by participating States

Italy
Slovakia
United Arab Emirates
Mozambique
Brunei Darussalam
Turkey
Guinea
Hungary
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Zambia
Azerbaijan
Cuba
Poland
San Marino
Lebanon
Croatia
United States of America
Estonia
Republic of Moldova
Bulgaria

Statements by intergovernmental organizations
Statements by non-governmental organizations

6th meeting

3.15-6 p.m. General statements

Belgium
Ireland

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Finland
Israel
Greece
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Uruguay
France
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Luxembourg
Paraguay
Argentina
Nigeria
Niger
Burundi
Chile

Statements by the International Criminal Police Organization
Statements by non-governmental organizations

18 June 1998
Plenary (Plenary Hall)

7th meeting

10 a.m.-1 p.m. General statements by participating States

Statements by the United Nations Children's Fund
Statements by non-governmental organizations

8th meeting

3.15-6 p.m. General statements by participating States

Statements by intergovernmental organizations
Statements by non-governmental organizations

Drafting Committee (German Room)
19 June 1998

1st meeting

10-10.15 a.m. Organization of work

10.15 a.m.-1 p.m. Consideration of draft articles referred to the Committee by the Committee of the Whole

3-6 p.m. Consideration of draft articles referred to the Committee by the Committee of the Whole

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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ACCREDITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 52/160 of 15 December 1997, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to invite non-governmental organizations, accredited by the Preparatory Committee with due regard to the provisions of part VII of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, and in particular to the relevance of their activities to the work of the Conference, to participate in the Conference, along the lines followed in the Committee, on the understanding that participation meant attending meetings of its plenary and, unless otherwise decided by the Conference in specific situations, formal meetings of its subsidiary bodies except the drafting group, receiving copies of the official documents, making available their materials to delegates and addressing, through a limited number of their representatives, its opening and/or closing sessions, as appropriate, in accordance with the rules of procedure to be adopted by the Conference.

2. On the basis of the lists of non-governmental organizations compiled by the Secretariat with the assistance of the NGO Coalition for the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, the Preparatory Committee decided that the non-governmental organizations listed in the present note should be invited to participate in the Conference in the manner set out in resolution 52/160.

Non-governmental organizations accredited to participate in the Conference

African Law Students-Young Lawyers Association

Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme

Alternative Law Research and Development Center, Inc. (ALTERLAW)

American Association for the International Commission of Jurists

American Association of Jurists

American Bar Association

American Jewish Committee

Amnesty International

Arab Commission on Human Rights

Arab Lawyers Union

Article 9 Society Hiroshima

Asamblea Permanente de Derechos Humanos

Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development

Asian Center for Women's Human Rights

Asian Women's Human Rights Council

Asociación de Defensa de Derechos

Asociación por Derechos Humanos (APRODEH)

Associação Moçambicana das Mulheres de Carreira Juridica

Association des femmes juristes du Bénin

Association internationale de droit pénal

Association internationale des jeunes avocats

Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Association pour le progrès et la défense des droits des femmes maliennes

Association tchadienne de juristes

Australian Lawyers for Human Rights

Avocats sans frontières

Baha'í International Community

Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust

Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights

Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales

Be Active Be Emancipated

Better Law Forum International

Biplabi Sanskritic Gosthi

Botswana Centre for Human Rights (DITSWANELO)

Bulgarian Lawyers for Human Rights

Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies

Cambodian Human Rights Task Force

Campaign for United Nations Reform

Canadian Network for an ICC/World Federalists of Canada

Caribbean Association of Feminists Research and Action

Carter Center

Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Zimbabwe

Catholic Commission of Peace and Justice

Center for Civil Human Rights

Center for Development of International Law

Center for Human Rights and Rehabilitation

Center for Reproductive Law and Policy

Center for Women's Global Leadership

Centro de Asesoria Laboral del Peru

Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales

Centro Nicaraguense de Derechos Humanos

Children's Fund of Canada, Inc.

Coalition for International Justice

Colombian Commission of Jurists

Comisión Chilena de Derechos Humanos

Comisión de Derechos Humanos de El Salvador

Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Guatemala

Comite de Defensa de los Derechos Humanos

Comite Latinoamericano y del Caribe para la Defensa de los Derechos de la Mujer (CLADEM)

Comite Permanente por la Defensa de Derechos Humanos

Committee for the Defence of Human Rights

Committee of Former Nuremberg Prosecutors

Community Law Centre

Conseil national des barreaux

Conseil sur les droits des femmes

Constitutional Rights Project

Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations

Coordination of Women's Advocacy

Corporación Colectivo de Abogados "Jose Alvear Restrepo"

Corporación de Desarrollo de la Mujer

Croatian Law Centre

Deutscher Juristinnenbund

Development and Peace Foundation

Droits et devoirs en démocratie (3D)

EarthAction

Egyptian Organization for Human Rights

Equality Now

European Federalist Movement

European Law Students Association

European Roma Rights Centre

Federación de Asociaciones de Defensa y Promoción de las Derechos Humanos

Fédération internationale de l'action des Chrétiens pour l'abolition de la torture (FiACAT)

Fédération internationale des ligues des droits de l'homme

Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya

Foundation for Human Rights Initiative

Foundation for the Establishment of an International Criminal Court and International Law Commission

Franciscans International

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute

Friends World Committee for Consultation

Fundación Ecumenica Para el Desarollo y la Paz (FEDEPAZ)

Fundación Federalista

General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church

Ghana Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

Gioventù Federalista Europea

Helsinki Citizens Assembly

Human Rights Advocates

Human Rights Alliance

Human Rights Commission of Pakistan

Human Rights Internet

Human Rights Research and Education Centre

Human Rights Watch

Humanitarian Law Center

ICAR Foundation

Indian Institute for Peace, Disarmament and Environment Protection

Indonesian Legal Aid and Human Rights Association

INFORM

Information Workers for Peace

Instituto Latinoamericano de Servicios Legales Alternativos (ILSA)

Inter Press Service

Interafrican Union for Human Rights

Interamerican Concertation of Women's Human Rights Activists (CIMA)

Interights

Intermedia

International Alert

International Association for Religious Freedom

International Association of Democratic Lawyers

International Association of Lawyers against Nuclear Arms (IALANA)

International Bar Association

International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy

International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development

International Commission of Jurists

International Commission of Jurists, Kenya

International Commission of Jurists, Portugal

International Court of the Environment

International Criminal Defense Attorneys Association

International Federation of Women Lawyers, Enugu Branch

International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights

International Human Rights Law Group

International Informatization Academy

International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations

International Law Assocation Committee on a Permanent ICC

International League for Human Rights

International Peace Bureau

International Right to Life Federation

International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme

International Service for Human Rights

International Society for Human Rights

International Society for Human Rights, Gambia

International Society for Human Rights, Germany

International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

International Travel Counsel

Istituto Superiore Internazionale di Scienze Criminali

Japan Federation of Bar Associations

Juristes sans frontières

Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation

Law Projects Center

Law Society of Kenya

Lawyers Committee for Human Rights

Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy

Lebanese Union for Child Welfare

Legal Aid for Women and Environmental Development

Legal and Human Rights Centre

Legal Assistance Centre

Legal Research and Resource Development Centre

Legal Resources Centre

Leo Kuper Foundation

Liberal International

Liga Argentina por los Derechos del Hombre

Ligue camerounaise des droits de la personne

Ligue rwandaise pour la promotion et la défense des droits de l'homme

Ligue tchadienne des droits de l'homme

Lutheran World Federation

Mara Institute of Technology

Médecins du monde

Médecins sans frontières

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights

Movimento Nacional de Direitos Humanos

Movimiento por la Paz, Desarme y Libertad

MOVIMONDO

National Institute for Public Interest Law and Research

National Society for Human Rights

Netherlands Institute of Human Rights

Network of NGOs of Trinidad and Tobago

No Peace Without Justice

Norwegian Helsinki Committee

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

Observatoire international des prisons, section du Cameroun

Observatorio para la Paz
Oficina de Tutela Legal del Arzobispo de San Salvador
Oficina Internacional de Derechos Humanos Acción Colombia
One World Trust
Open Society Fund
OXFAM (United Kingdom and Ireland)
Pace Peace Center
Pan-African Reconciliation Council
Parliamentarians for Global Action
Pax Christi International
Plural - Centro de Estudios Constitutionales
Presbyterian Church, USA
Pubudu Community Organisation
Real Women of Canada
Redress
Refugee Women's Network
Rencontre africaine pour la défense des droits de l'homme (RADDHO)
Réseau africain pour le développement intègre
Royal Commonwealth Society
Salvation Army
Save the Children Fund
Servicio Pax y Justicia del Ecuador (SERPAJ)
Society for the Advancement of Women
South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre
Sri Lanka Women's NGO Forum
Students against Genocide
Tamilandu United Nations Association
Tanzania Human Rights Education Trust (TAHURA)
Terre des Hommes Foundation
Terre des Hommes, Germany
Transnational Radical Party
Uganda Young Lawyers Association
Union internationale des avocats
Union Nacional de Juristas de Cuba
Unitarian Universalist Association

United Nations Association, USA

Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation

Volunteers for Prison Inmates

War and Peace Foundation

Washington Working Group on the ICC/World Federalist Association

Women and Media Collective

Woman and Men Engaged in Advocacy, Research and Education (WEARE) for Human Rights

Women, Law and Development Centre

Women's Caucus for Gender Justice and the ICC/MADRE

Women's Centre for Peace and Development

Women's Consortium of Nigeria

Women's Information Consultative Center

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Women's League of Lithuania

World Conference on Religion and Peace

World Council of Churches Commission of the Churches on International Affairs

World Federalist Association

World Federalist Movement/IGP

World Muslim Congress

World Society of Victimology

Youth Approach for Development and Cooperation

Zimbabwe Women's Resource Centre and Network

ZIMRIGHTS (Zimbabwe Human Rights Association)

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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has received the attached communication to the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court from the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC). The communication is transmitted for information (see annex).

The Inter-Agency Standing Committee was established by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991, for the purpose of strengthening coordination between humanitarian organizations and is composed of the following members: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Programme, World Food Programme, World Health Organization, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International Organization for Migration, InterAction, International Consortium for Voluntary Agencies and the Steering Committee on Humanitarian Response.

ANNEX

Communication from the Inter-Agency Standing Committee to the Diplomatic Conference on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court

1. The Inter-Agency Standing Committee supports the earliest establishment of the International Criminal Court to investigate and prosecute crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. It considers that the Court should have the necessary authority and capacity to undertake vigorous investigation and expeditiously bring to justice suspected war criminals.

2. The Inter-Agency Standing Committee strongly believes that wilful denial of humanitarian assistance, direct attacks against civilians, forceful deportation or displacement of population and other serious violations of international humanitarian law, committed both in international and internal armed conflict, should be included in the jurisdiction of the Court. The Inter-Agency Standing Committee also believes that attacks against humanitarian personnel should be considered as a crime under the jurisdiction of the Court.

3. The Inter-Agency Standing Committee recognizes the critical importance for all Governments and concerned parties to support and cooperate fully with the Court.

4. The members of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee stand ready to cooperate with the Court. This cooperation should take fully into account the need to respect the basic humanitarian principles, in particular the principles of humanity, neutrality and impartiality, and the need to maintain humanitarian access to the victims of armed conflicts and to ensure the safety and security of humanitarian personnel in the field. In this connection, adequate protective and non-disclosure measures would be necessary for cooperation between the Court and organizations involved in humanitarian activities.